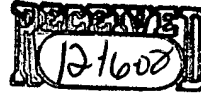


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Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. An enclosed Appendix includes a version with markings to show changes made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

This set of claims is a clean set of pending claims 1-14, consolidating any previous versions of pending claims into this single clean version, with changes made in this response being shown in the Appendix.

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